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SUBJ: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: THE PATRIOTIC FRONT CONFERENCE
TIME-TABLE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S
DETAILED TIME-TABLE FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS
WHICH WAS GIVEN TO US DECEMBER 1 BY MARK CHONA. TO THE
BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, IT HAS NOT YET BEEN GIVEN TO
THE BRITISH.

2. BY FURTHER ELABORATING THE TIME-TABLE THEY PRESENTED
TO THE BRITISH NOVEMBER 30, THE FRONT SEEMS CLEARLY
TO BE TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT IS SERIOUSLY
COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATING ON THE BASIS OF ITS PROPOSED
STRUCTURE FOR THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. CHONA TOOK
ADVANTAGE OF THE VISIT TO HIS HOTEL THIS MORNING TO
REITERATE THE POINTS HE HAD MADE ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY.
IN PARTICULAR, HE EMPHASIZED HOW HUMILITATING IT WAS FOR
THE AFRICANS TO SIT WITH SMITH'S RACIST DELEGATION IN
GENEVA AND TO BEG FOR MAJORITY RULE. THE IDEA OF SHARING
POWER WITH WHITES WAS, HE SAID, AN OUTMODED CONCEPT THAT
ZIPA WOULD NEVER ACCEPT. IF THE CONFERENCE FAILS,
ZIMBABWE'S COMPLETE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE WILL BE WON

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ON THE BATTLEFIELD WITHIN THREE YEARS. ZAMBIA, HE

SAID, HAS ALREADY BORNE THE COSTS OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR 11 YEARS AND IS FULLY PREPARED TO SEE THE WAR CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER THREE OR EVEN LONGER.

3. WITH RESPECT TO POINT 12, THE KISSINGER FUND, CHONA NOTED THAT THE FRONT IS REFERRING TO THE ECONOMIC SUPPORT PACKAGE. THE FRONT WANTS THIS QUESTION DISCUSSED BEFORE THE END OF THE CONFERENCE. I TOLD CHONA THAT THE SUBJECT IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THAT I BELIEVED TALKS SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT IS FORMED.

4. CHONA IS TAKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SELL HIS AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S CONCEPT OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE. HE ASKED IF I HAD HAD ANY REACTION FROM WASHINGTON TO THE IDEAS HE HAD ADVANCED ON NOVEMBER 29 AND 30. I SUGGESTED HE BE PATIENT. WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE A VERY STRONG STAND IF WE ARE TO CONVINCE HIM OF THE DANGERS THIS COURSE ENTAILS.

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CONFERENCE TIME-TABLE

1. ADOPTION OF TIME-TABLE 1 DEC.

2. STRUCTURE OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT- 2-4 DEC.

(1) COUNCIL OF MINISTERS:

(A) FUNCTIONS

(B) COMPOSITION

(C) METHOD OF APPOINTMENT

(D) PROCEDURE-QUORUM, VOTING, INTRODUCTION OF
BILLS, ENROLMENT

(2) RESIDENT COMMISSIONER:

(A) POWERS AND DUTIES

(B) APPOINTMENT

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3. CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE: 6-7 DEC.

(A) COMPOSITION

(B) APPOINTMENT

(C) FUNCTIONS

(D) PROCEDURE (DECISION-MAKING MACHINERY)

4. ELECTORAL AND DELIMITATION COMMISSION 6-7 DEC.

(A) COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT - SUGGEST INT'L
C'SSION.

(B) FUNCTIONS

(C) NOTE: DESIRABILITY OF APPOINTING COMMISSION AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THEY CAN START WORK, IF POSSIBLE,
BEFORE INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

5. EXISTING LAWS: 8 DEC.

(A) PRE-UDI LAWS

(B) POST-USI LAWS

6. DECLARATION OF RIGHTS 8 DEC.

7. JUDICIARY: 9-11 DEC.

(A) STRUCTURE--SUGGEST THAT EXISTING STRUCTURE TO
CONTINUE DURING INTERIM.

(B) PERSONNEL

(C) CHIEF'S COURTS

(D) JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

8. PUBLIC SERVICE: 9-11 DEC.

(A) STRUCTURE - EXISTING STRUCTURE TO CONTINUE EXCEPT THAT
A NEW OFFICE OF SECRETARY TO CM SHOULD BE CREATED TO
REPLACE SEC. TO CABINET AND THE CLERK OF LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY.

(B) PERSONNEL

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(C) PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

(D) CHIEF'S ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE

9. LAND 13 DEC.

10. AMENDMENT OF INTERIM CONSTITUTION 13 DEC.

11. FINANCE: 14-16 DEC.

(A) FINANCIAL PROCEDURE

(B) FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

12. KISSINGER'S FUND 14-16 DEC.

13. LIFTING OF SANCTIONS 14-16 DEC.

14. ARMED FORCES AND POLICE 17-19 DEC.

15. INDEPENDENCE DATE 20 DEC.

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